GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS MEANT FOR PRESERVATION OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a new fund for preservation of tigers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and from when this fund has been set up;

(c) the total amount spent on this purpose till date;

(d) whether this amount has been utilized properly; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIROMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) While no new fund has been set up, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project tiger, the Government of India provides Central Assistance to States for conservation of tigers in designated reserves since April 1973.

(c) Since inception till date, an amount of Rs. 238.36 crores has been provided to States as central assistance under Project Tiger.

(d) & (e) The States utilise the Central Assistance and furnish a Utilisation Certificate stating that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. The unspent balance, if any, depending on the proposal from State, is adjusted in the future release or revalidated.